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COMBINED AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR DRAWING CHANGE APPROVAL

In response to the currently outstanding non-final Official Action in the above-identified case, allowance of the following Request for Drawing Change Approval is respectfully requested. In addition, please amend the subject application as set forth below.

REQUEST FOR DRAWING CHANGE APPROVAL

In the currently outstanding Official Action in the above-identified application the Examiner has objected to Figures 7-9. In particular, the Examiner has asserted that since only that which is old is shown in Figures 7-9, each of those Figures should be designated by a legend such as -- PRIOR ART --.

In response to the Examiner's objection, Applicant proposes that Figures 7 - 9 of the present application be amended so as to each include the legend -- CONVENTIONAL ART -- as shown in red on the attached photocopies of corrected versions thereof. Applicant respectfully notes in this regard that the subject matter of Figures 7 - 9 is referred to in the Background section of the present specification as representing the "conventional". Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that the addition of the legend -- CONVENTIONAL ART -- to Figures 7 - 9 is appropriate in this case rather than the legend -- PRIOR ART -- as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant also is submitting concurrently herewith a new set of Formal Drawings for this application containing Figures 7 - 9 wherein the above-proposed change has been made.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner approve the foregoing proposed changes to Figures 7 - 9, and that the new drawings submitted concurrently herewith be granted entry into this application in substitution for the set of drawing containing Figs. 7 - 9 as originally filed.